## **Deficit spurs Walled Lake to cut programs**

reviewed two proposals for trimming its budget at a special meeting last

is baged at a special meeting last week. Schools, administrative and teaching positions, and repairs and maintenance are all one thoughing block.

The two plans were presented by Superintendent Don Stellon in light of the districts midipated deficit in the 1881-82 school last property of the property

four-mill renewal and no other new millage being sought.

There was no discussion at last week's meeting on seeking both the renewal and addition millage.

The majority report of a special citizens committee previously recommended the board seek a three-mill package for two years in addition to the four-mill renewal. The committees minority report opted for another committee to investigate other means of dealing with the financial situation.

The majority of discussion at the board meeting was directed at the proposal to trum \$1.9 million from the budget.

THE PROPOSAL to trim \$4.3 mill-

THE PROPOSAL to trim \$4.3 million from the budget contains some controversial items including the closing of two elementary schools and total

eumination of the outdoor education, reading support and athletic programs. Board President Stephen Lasher said he preferred to address the \$1.8 million proposal.

proposal.
"I think it's a mistake to pay too
much attention to the \$4.3 million proposal," Lasher said. "I hope we can be
confident that the four-mill renewal

confident that the four-mill renewal proposal will be approved.

The \$1.8 million proposes cuts totaling \$1.9 million, \$100,000 more then is needed to cover the deficit.

Some \$600,000 would be used from the fund equity account, leaving approximately \$100,000 in that account. Auditors generally recommend maintaining a fund equity of \$-10 percent of the budget for emergencies.

Under the \$1.8 million proposal, one elementary school would close, saving the district \$101,000.

Fifteen elementary and secondary teaching positions would be cut, savings \$279,000.

Other reductions include \$200,000 in rod repairs, \$175,000 for replacement of worn out equipment, \$50,000 in ingrounds maintenance, \$50,000 in restructional supplies, \$158,000 for new buses, \$170,000 for community education, \$25,000 for special education and \$8,000 for property insurance.

SHELDON SAID his plan was only an administrative proposal that has not yet been "fine tuned" before being turned over to the board for considera-

turned over to the board for considera-tion.

Board members directed Sheldon to compile information on several other areas and present it at a special session 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Walled Lake Central auditorium.

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classroom teachers.
Trustee Robert Cooper also requestdemore information on data processing costs, stating he feels the board
should consider the possibility of backing down the system under the current
financial constraints.

One item to be discussed is reorgani-zation of the administrative structure.

Trustee Kenneth Tucker said he wanted assurance that cuts in adminis-trative personnel correspond to cuts in classroom teachers.

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## **Warner** students win essay contest

Three students from Warner Middle School, Parmington Hills, have been anneed local winners in the 12th Annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponson and the state of the state o

mine the top statewide winners. Other members of the finalist judging team are Congressman Robert Carr, and Lansing State Journal columnist Jim Hough. Last year's chief judge was for-mer President Gerald Ford.

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## North features concert meet

The North Farmington Instrumental The North Farmington Instrumental Music Department will present its annual competition concert on Wednesday, March II, 8 p.m. at North's Hunt Auditorium. The concert will feature the concert band, the Sypnhony Band, and the Orchestra. Also featured will be solos and easembles from the recent competition held at Oakland Community College.





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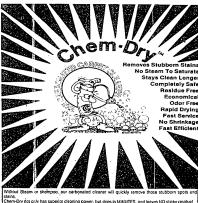
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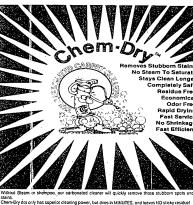
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